GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AGENCY FOR HELICOPTER SAFETY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Civil Aviation has a separate agency responsible for helicopter safety in the country;

(b) if so, the details of this agency alongwith its functions;

(c) whether the technical staff responsible for helicopter safety do not have access to latest training; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide latest training to technical staff?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)
(a),(b),(c) and (d):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation have engineers and pilots with vast experience on single and multi-engine helicopters, whose services are utilised in routine monitoring of helicopter maintenance and operation. On the basis of the recommendations of an expert Committee recently appointed by Ministry of Civil Aviation under the Chairmanship of Shri Sunil Arora, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, a proposal is under consideration for setting up a exclusive cell for monitoring the maintenance/operation and airworthiness requirements of rotary wing aircraft.